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Annual Awards Dinner on April 24 to Honor Katharine Graham

by Sonya K. Fry, Manager

There is enough excitement generated in the OPC office this time of year to reverberate to the far corners of the world. The rote logging of awards onto the computer, the checking and re-checking of each entry is done. The judges have spent hours reading, viewing and deciding. Now the fun begins! The best part of being manager of the OPC is to call the winners of our 17 awards and to enjoy the sheer delight on the other end of the phone.

It is amazing that managing editors call me back within two minutes and photojournalists deep within Africa are located. As members of the OPC you would be proud of your organization if you could hear the enthusiasm of winning not just an award for excellence, but an OPC award.

As if getting a high from talking to award winners were not enough, the awards dinner is generating a steam roller of enthusiasm. This year the recipient of the President's Award is Katharine Graham. She has been such a powerhouse in journalism for decades and her recent book is a best seller. We at the OPC are very honored that she will accept the President's award for lifetime achievement. Lining up to praise Kay

Graham are Dan Rather, anchor and managing editor of CBS News and Gloria Steinem, writer, editor, activist and founder of *Ms.* magazine. Art Buchwald has also agreed to write a column for this very special occasion.

Barbara Walters, ABC news correspondent, famed interviewer and co-anchor of 20/20, will present the OPC awards in 17 categories ranging from radio and TV to newspapers, wire services, books and magazines as well as cartoons and photojournalism. Winners have been chosen from a record 357 entries.

The dinner price will remain at \$120 for members and \$200 for non-members. Table prices will range from \$2,000 (Friends) to \$5,000 (Sponsors) to a top of \$10,000 for generous Patrons. All proceeds from this fund-raising dinner keep the OPC programs going all year long. Members are urged to ask their organizations to buy tables.

The black tie dinner will be held at the Grand Hyatt in Manhattan on



Katharine Graham

Thursday, April 24. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:15 p.m.

John Corporon, president and chair of the Dinner Committee, has assembled an amazing list of people who want to honor Kay Graham and the award winners and to help the OPC by being on the Dinner Committee. The

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Peruvian Officials Send a Strong Warning to Foreign Journalists

With talks aimed at freeing 72 hostages in Lima, Peru stalemated, the Peruvian government started a campaign of intimidating foreign journalists.

Diana Jean Schemo of *The New York Times* reported in March that the president of the Foreign Press Association was warned that several journalists were under investigation for "advising an armed group."

Miguel Real, a reporter with World-wide Television News, left for New York after being threatened by the government with arrest. His alleged crime: broadcasting an interview in which the

rebels accused the government of burrowing a tunnel to the location where the hostages are being held.

Real says he's covered news in South America for several years and his involvement with the rebels only extended as far as his duties as a journalist.

Talks between rebel leader Nestor Cerpa Cartolina and the government have come to a standstill since the broadcast.

Some foreign journalists have succeeded in making contact with the rebels using citizen's band radios. Since contact

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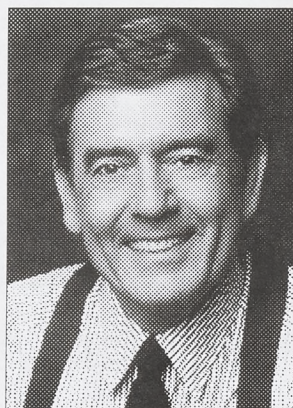
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The dinner will read like a who's who in journalism—don't miss it!



Dan Rather



Gloria Steinem



Barbara Walters

Beijing Suspected as a Hong Kong Media Deal Dies

One of Hong Kong's leading securities firms, Sun Hung Kai International, abruptly withdrew as an underwriter for the listing of the Next Media Group last month. The group was expecting to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

"The decision to drop the stock sale was seen as a result of political pressure from Beijing," reported *New York Times* correspondent Edward A. Gargan.

Throughout its three year history, Next Media Group has consistently ridiculed Beijing. In fact, Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng has been described as "a turtle's egg with zero I.Q."

Most reporters with Next Media Group have been barred from covering official events and news conferences in mainland China.

The company's *Next* magazine was

owner Jimmy Lai's first venture into the world of publishing after a successful stint in retailing.

The magazine's gossip columns, and short sharp synopsis of news alongside its critical look at China has made it very successful in Hong Kong.

Its sister newspaper, *Apple Daily*, has done equally well in the territory.

Martin Lee, a Hong Kong lawyer, political leader and critic of Beijing, sees this as a foretaste of the future. "This is a clear example of political pressure affecting what should be a purely economic matter. I am afraid businesses—not just in Hong Kong, but around the world—are caving into pressure rather than defending Hong Kong's system, free market and level playing field."

Jimmy Lai said he plans to go to court over the bank's decision.

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China's Jiang Faces Uncertain Future, Says OPC Panel

By Justin Doebele

China will face political uncertainty with President Jiang Zemin as its leader, said an OPC panel of China experts. "Jiang will be a weak number one," declared Ross Munro, former *Time* bureau chief in Asia and co-author of "The Coming Conflict with China." The panel focused on China's prospects following the death of Deng Xiaoping and was entitled "Whither China? Jiang and His Successors."

The March 25 event drew together five senior China analysts: *Time* magazine's Oscar Chiang, ex-OPC president and *U.S. News & World Report*'s Bill Holstein, *South China*

Morning Post columnist Willy Wo-Lap Lam, Ross Munro and Columbia Professor Andrew Nathan. Moderated by China Institute President Alan Wachman, the event drew an overflow crowd of about 85 to the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Chiang, just back from a year in Beijing, led off by outlining a scenario

under which Jiang could face attacks on his leadership. Some feel a "power struggle is already going on behind the scenes in Beijing," said Chiang.

He was followed by Holstein, who said China will push economic reform

tions and has loyalty problems with key military leaders, he noted.

Munro came on strong in defense of his book. "It's painful to absorb," he said, but "China sees us as the enemy."

Finally, Nathan ended on a cautionary note. "Things could get a lot worse," he said. Even continued economic reform is not a given in China, he warned, since the pain of reform may spark a backlash to end it.



(From left) Andrew Nathan, Willy Lam, Ross Munro, William Holstein and Oscar Chiang.

regardless of its leadership. He also noted that outside events may affect China, criticizing Munro's book for strengthening the "hawks" on China. Let's not "create a new enemy," he said.

Next was Willy Lam, who said: "Jiang will have difficulty in getting consensus." Jiang has alienated certain fac-

National Press Club to Visit Italy

The National Press Club is sponsoring a trip to Italy. The dates of the trip are October 12 to 25. The tour begins in Florence, followed by Tuscany, Assisi, Positano, the Amalfi Coast and finally Rome. The cost of the 12-day trip is \$2,975 per person, which includes round trip air fare from Washington to Rome, accommodations, sightseeing tours, continental breakfasts and four dinners. A deposit of \$350 per person is required. The final payment deadline is August 8. A minimum of 20 people is needed to conduct the trip. For more information contact OPC member Rachael Bail (703) 893-8625.

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had been made, the Peruvian government has warned journalists that under their law it is punishable to establish links with the rebels.

Just last January a Japanese reporter was expelled after he was caught sneaking around where the hostages were held.

Another reporter and interpreter were held for 10 days after the station handed over a tape of an interview that was never broadcast.

A house rented by CNN and Asahi television was without electricity for 24 hours. Kim Norgaard, a producer with CNN, says that they have not been threatened by police nor have they tried to reach the rebels by radio.

The hostages have been held by the rebels now for almost three months.

Welcome to Our New Members

Betsy Aaron (AO)

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McClatchy Newspapers

PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

ARCATA, California: Internews, an American organization that trains journalists in former Soviet republics, has established a memorial fund in the name of **Christopher Gehring**, 28, its director in Central Asia who was murdered by robbers in his apartment in Almaty, Kazakstan, on Jan. 9. Depending on its size, the fund will be used for an annual prize or for legal defense of journalists, said **David Hoffman**, Internews' president. Gehring set up and managed Internews programs in four Central Asian nations. Calling Gehring "modest, well-liked, brimming with

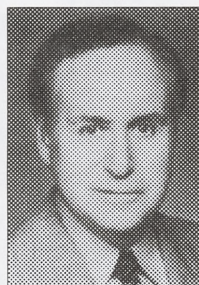


Christopher Gehring 1992 when Russians could watch nothing but official news on state television, Internews helped establish independent stations in provincial cities across Russia, providing equipment and training in both journalism and business methods." Tax-deductible contributions made payable to Internews and marked for the Chris Gehring Memorial Fund may be sent to Internews Network, P. O. Box 4448, Arcata, CA 95518.

ATLANTA: Lucia Newman of CNN is the first U.S. journalist to be based in Cuba since 1969. On Feb. 12, the U.S. government announced that American news organizations were free to open bureaus in Havana for the first time since AP was expelled 28 years ago. So far, only CNN has been approved by Fidel Castro's government to operate in Cuba. Newman, CNN's Mexico City bureau chief, was selected by the network to open its Havana bureau on March 17.

CHICAGO: Consumer commentator **David Horowitz**, an OPC member since 1963, will be inducted into Northwestern University's Medill Journalism Hall of Achievement at a dinner ceremony this April "for his pioneering concepts in news," Horowitz, an NBC correspondent

during the Vietnam War, earned a master's degree with honors at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism in 1961. For the past 30 years, Horowitz, who lives in Los Angeles, has reported on consumer rights in syndicated television and radio programs and a syndicated newspaper column. He broadcasts and writes under the generic title, "Fight Back! With David Horowitz." His eight books include the best selling "Fight Back! And Don't Get Ripped Off." In 1963, Horowitz opened the NBC news bureau in Saigon, serving two years as a Far East correspondent based in Hong Kong.



David Horowitz

HARTSDALE, New York: **Walter H. Diamond**, an OPC member since 1956, and his wife **Dorothy** returned home this winter from Lithuania after an extended visit to help the Kaunas Science Technology Park establish a free economic zone. Diamond, editor and economist of Overseas Press and Consultants, and his wife, a columnist, are co-authors of the book "Tax-Free Trade Zones of the World."

HONG KONG: Officials expect more than 5,000 journalists will cover the handover of the British territory to China, **Ed Neilan**, a syndicated columnist based in Tokyo, reported in February. A Beijing-produced movie, "Opium War," is scheduled for worldwide release on July 1, the day China's flag is raised over Hong Kong. "The plot of the movie is about the evils of Britain's promotion of opium addiction in China and the unequal treaty that turned Hong Kong over to Britain," Neilan wrote, adding: "'Opium War' is a project of Chinese Community Party Propaganda Department Chief Ding Guangen (one-time bridge partner of the late paramount leader Deng Xiaoping), who fails to point out that under foreign administration and free Chinese entrepreneurship, Hong Kong has become a more successful city than anything the mainland has developed."

Time Inc. will publish an Asian edition of *Money* magazine to address what it calls a growing interest in personal financial planning in Southeast Asia. The first issue is scheduled for May 26. Titled *Time Money* and produced in Hong Kong by freelance journalists, the 28-page English-language quarterly will be distributed with the Asian edition of *Time*. **Caroline Donnelly**, executive editor of *Money* in New York, moved temporarily to Hong Kong to direct coverage. "All over Asia, planning for retirement has become an issue," she told *The New York Times*. "The state is not there to take care of you as it once was. Real estate is so hideous that there is no room to put your elderly parents in your home. This generation is in much more of a self-help mode. These are people who are young, with big ambitions for themselves and their families, who don't see prosperity or even security quite guaranteed to them the way it might have been in another time." Meanwhile, *The South China Morning Post*, a Hong Kong newspaper, is planning to publish a Chinese-language personal-finance magazine called *M*.

JAKARTA: **Geoff Spencer**, 37, was appointed AP news editor in Indonesia early this year after five years in AP's Sydney bureau. Spencer, who worked for the Australian Associated Press in New Zealand and Fiji before joining the American wire service, was vice president of our reciprocal club, the Foreign Correspondents Association of Australia & South Pacific.

LONDON: The London Press Club, an OPC reciprocal club, moved this winter from Dockmaster's House to Freedom Forum's European Center that overlooks Hyde Park. **Johnnie Johnson**, the club's honorary secretary, said the new premises includes space for the club's library, its memorabilia from Fleet Street, computer and internet facilities, and a conference hall. In February, the club decided it needed more space for professional activities, and **John Owen**, director of the European Center, offered his facilities. Freedom Forum, funded by the Gannett Foundation, opened its European Center last July to support the development of independent media in Russia and Eastern Europe. The club's new address: London Press Club, c/o Freedom Forum European Center,

Stanhope House, Stanhope Place, London W2 2HH; telephone 44-171-402-2566 and 262-5003; fax 262-4631. The new location does not include a restaurant or bar, but London Press Club members can dine and drink at City Golf Club, 24 Bride Lane.

Two Russian business executives have filed a lawsuit against *Forbes* in a London court, alleging that the American magazine defamed them in a Dec. 30 article. Boris Berezovsky, deputy secretary of Russia's national security council, and Nikolai Glushkov, first deputy managing director of Aeroflot airline, charged that *Forbes* published "a litany of untruths" about them, Bloomberg Business News reported on Feb. 12. The suit alleges that the article "falsely states Mr. Berezovsky is responsible for murder and running a criminally corrupt business organization, while also stating falsely that Mr. Glushkov was convicted of a crime in Russia in 1982." **James W. Michaels**, editor of *Forbes*, said: "We would not have published the story if we were not satisfied that it is substantially accurate. We have great confidence in the people who wrote and researched it."

LONG ISLAND, New York: Now in its second year, *American*, a Sunday newspaper edited in Long Island and printed in London and Frankfurt, has passed the break-even point in its circulation in Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia. **Hesh Kestin**, a former European bureau chief for *Forbes* magazine, launched the newspaper last June to provide Americans abroad with a Sunday newspaper. "We assume readers [overseas] are already reading *The Wall Street Journal* or the *Herald Tribune*," Kestin told *Editor & Publisher*. "What they want on Sunday is a good read." In February, Kestin said *American's* circulation had reached 17,000 in 60 countries. An Asian edition is planned to start this summer. Produced by a staff of 15, the 40-page tabloid is filled primarily with wire stories from 87 syndicated newspapers.

MANILA: **Ruth Youngblood**, UPI, who started her career as a foreign correspondent in Hong Kong in 1978, has transferred from Beijing to Manila. In its prime, UPI operated 12 full-time bureaus in Asia. Now the wire service has cut back to five bureaus: Tokyo, Hong Kong, Seoul, Manila and Beijing.

NEW DELHI: **Jonathan Karp**, New Delhi correspondent for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, is the new bureau chief in India for *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Asian Wall Street Journal*. He succeeds his wife, **Miriam Jordan**, who is on leave after giving birth to twins.

NEW YORK: Three awards for international reporting were announced in March. **John F. Burns** of *The New York Times* received a George Polk award for a series of stories on the takeover of Kabul, Afghanistan, by the Taliban, a militia of religious fundamentalists. Another Polk award went to **Christiane Amanpour** and **Anita Pratap** of CNN for their "Battle of Afghanistan." NBC News' Dateline correspondent **Sara James** and senior producer **Lisa Hsia** won the National Press Club's Freedom of Press International Award with this citation: "The two women smuggled themselves into the country [Sudan] and documented how people there were being captured, held, and later sold into slavery in that African country."

William E. Schmidt, deputy national editor of *The New York Times* and a former foreign correspondent, was promoted in March to associate managing editor in charge of newsroom administration. Schmidt, 49, who joined *The Times* in 1981, had been one of its correspondents in London, a national correspondent and bureau chief in Chicago, Atlanta and Denver. Earlier he was a *Newsweek* correspondent in Moscow, Cairo, Miami and Chicago. Schmidt succeeded **Dennis L. Stern**, who was appointed vice president for human resources at *The Times*.

Foreign correspondents past and present published books early this year on China's relations with the United States, a daring World War II campaign to prevent Nazi Germany from building an atomic bomb and a new interpretation of Japan's post-war rearmament.

In "The Coming Conflict with China," [New York: Knopf] two former Beijing bureau chiefs, **Richard Bernstein**, then with *Time*, and **Ross Munro**, then *Toronto Globe and Mail*, portray China as a growing economic and military threat. China "during the past decade or so has set goals for itself that are directly contrary to American interests, the most important of those being to replace the United States as the pre-eminent power in Asia," write

Bernstein, now a book critic for *The New York Times*, and Munro, director of the Asia program at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

In "Blood and Water: Sabotaging Hitler's Bomb," [New York: Henry Holt], **Dan Kurzman**, a former correspondent for *The Washington Post* who has reported from Europe, Asia, Africa, Middle East and Latin America, writes an exciting account of Allied efforts in German-occupied Norway to destroy the Norsk Hydro plant, then the world's largest producer of heavy water that German scientists were using in an effort to develop an atomic bomb. Author of 12 other books, Kurzman has received two OPC Cornelius Ryan Awards for nonfiction books on foreign affairs.



Dan Kurzman

In "An Occupation Without Troops: Wall Street's Half-Century Domination of Japanese Politics" [Tokyo: Tuttle], **John Roberts**, a Tokyo-based journalist who died after working on the book, and the present UPI Tokyo bureau chief, **Glenn Davis**, examine Japan's industrial and economic development after World War II. They dispute the conventional view that the United States encouraged Japan to develop its industry and military in the early 1950s because of the Korean War and the establishment of a Communist government in China. The authors argue that after World War II American big business attempted to secure and enlarge their interests in Japan by reversing democratic trends in that country, reviving the power of some of Japan's surviving Pacific War leaders and rebuilding Japan's economy.

Last November, the *Bulletin* reported on a 1996 book published in London, "Hungry Ghosts: China's Secret Famine" [John Murray] written by **Jasper Becker**, Beijing correspondent for *The South China Morning Post*, a Hong Kong newspaper. This year the book was published in New York by *The Free Press* with a new subtitle, "Mao's Secret Famine." Reviewing Becker's book in the Feb. 16 *New York Times*, Nicholas Eberstadt, a researcher with the American Enterprise Institute and the Harvard Center for Population and

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Development Studies, wrote of the famine: "The human toll [estimated by Becker at 30 million between 1959 and 1961] was higher than from any other famine in modern times—and in all likelihood, greater than from any previous famine in human history....One of the most amazing aspects of the great Chinese famine was Beijing's success in concealing it from the outside world."



What are the rewards and challenges correspondents face when they raise children in foreign lands? In its winter issue, *AP World*, a magazine for AP members and staffers, published comments from some of its correspondents. OPC member **Nick Tatro**, Jerusalem, father of 5-year-old twins:



Dave Carpenter

"When there was a series of suicide bus bombings, Maya and Matthew's kindergarten went on an outing to the zoo, and we told them they would return to the school in a bus. Matthew didn't want to go. 'Won't the bus explode?' he asked." **Dave Carpenter**, Moscow: Drew, his 3-year-old son, "can easily switch back from English to Russian when talking both to his parents and his nanny at the same time." **Eric Talmadge**, Tokyo, with a Japanese wife who does not speak English and two bilingual children, 8 and 4 years old: "Having three bilinguals and one monolingual makes dinner time conversation a pretty weird mix of Japanese one minute, English the next." **Renee Schoof**, Beijing: "We tried some Chinese language tutoring for our daughter [age 5] in the summer, and we talk about Chinese traditions and customs at home. I worry about her safety more than anything. The health care standards are low here, and the two Western clinics can be 45 minutes away by car if traffic is heavy." **Frank Bajak**, Bogota, with children 13, 11 and 9 years old: "The older the kids, the more difficult overseas adjustment can be. It's not always easy for kids to leave good friends and move across an ocean. But you can't beat the travel." **Karin Lamb**, Jerusalem, who lives in Jericho on the West Bank with her husband, whose family is Muslim, and their 5 and 7-year-old sons: "One of



Karin Lamb with her sons Fabian, 5, and Salem, 7.

the most difficult responsibilities for parents is to shield children from violence and hatred around them, though it's not always possible." **Larry Heinzerling**, deputy director of AP World Services in New York, grew up in Europe and Africa when his father, the late **Lynn Heinzerling**, was an AP foreign correspondent. Larry recalled: "I remember as a child, a very young child in Geneva, my parents bringing home Chinese delegates to the peace conference of 1954, the Vietnam, Indochina peace conference. When you're raised in that atmosphere you are interested in the world."

PHNOM PENH: The number of foreign correspondents in Phnom Penh is declining, but the Foreign Correspondents Club of Cambodia, an OPC reciprocal club, continues to prosper, reports its president, **Matthew Lee**. "At present there are about 20 foreign correspondents left in Phnom Penh," said Lee, predicting that number will go down even further. "Once the Khmer Rouge has gone, Cambodia will get as much media coverage as Bangladesh." Lee, who files for AFP, *Far Eastern Economic Review* and BBC World Service, said the club attracts members from representatives of more than 300 non-governmental organizations working in Cambodia.



Matthew Lee



Pin Sam Khon

"That is why we make a lot of money," he said. "We are one of the very few establishments in town which has managed to survive." The Foreign Correspondents Club occupies a four-story colonial building that over-

looks the Mekong River and is a two-minute walk from Cambodia's royal palace. Meanwhile, **Pin Sam Khon**, president of the Khmer Journalists Association and publisher of *Khmer Ekareach* newspaper, commented: "The freedom of the press is improving [in Cambodia]. These days I can accuse the government. Journalism is new to us. Most people working for the 30 newspapers and magazines in Cambodia have never been trained as journalists or had any other training."

SAN FRANCISCO: The Stars and Stripes Association, the alumni organization of former staffers on the U.S. military newspaper published in Europe and Asia, will hold its 9th annual meeting at the Marines Memorial Club/Hotel in San Francisco Aug. 7 to 9. For information, contact **Maury Martin**, 20540 Leonard Road, Saratoga, California 95070, telephone (408) 867-4179, fax 408-741-9072.

SHELTER ISLAND, New York: OPCer **Linda Goetz Holmes** in February broke an international story linking Swiss and Japanese secret bank accounts during World War II. Goetz came across the connection while working with recently declassified security agency documents for her upcoming book, "Holocaust East," now being shown to publishers. Holmes said the Swiss National Bank, accused of helping Nazis hide loot and denying money to Holocaust survivors, also helped Yokohama Bank, now Tokyo Mitsubishi Bank, hide relief money, including funds donated by the U.S. and British governments for POWs working on the Burma Railway. Holmes disclosed her finding to **Lou Boccardi**, AP president., and the AP ran her story on Feb. 24. It was picked up by many newspapers and Japan's Kyodo News Service.

TOKYO: In February **Rikio Imajo** was appointed director of AP Wide World Photos Japan, the third international news agency he has worked for. Imajo spent many years with UPI Newspictures in Japan and then became newspictures manager for UPI's Asia-Pacific Division, based in Hong Kong. After UPI, he managed AFP's Asia photo operations.

TORONTO: **Arthur Kent**, who earned the nickname "Scud Stud" during

his coverage of the Persian Gulf War, is making a movie about his life as a foreign correspondent and his dispute with NBC. Budgeted under \$10 million and being produced in Toronto, the film is based on Kent's book, "Risk and Redemption: Surviving the Network News Wire," a best seller in Canada and scheduled for May publication in the United States. Kent covered the Tiananmen Square demonstrations in Beijing, fall of the Berlin Wall and the war in Afghanistan. In 1992, NBC fired him on grounds he refused an assignment in Bosnia, but Kent contended he was opposing what he saw as the network's move to soft tabloid news. Kent sued and won an apology and an undisclosed amount of cash from NBC in 1994.

UNITED NATIONS: When she left her post as spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali at the end of his term, Dec. 31, **Sylvana Foa** told the U.N. press corps: "Despite all the fun, it is really time for me to go off and do something new, try something new in my life like be in love, write a book, enjoy things a little bit." After leaving her U.N. post in New York, Foa moved to Tel Aviv. Before arriving in U.N. headquarters in January 1996, Foa was spokesman for the U.N. High Commission for Refugees in Geneva. Earlier she was a UPI correspondent and editor in Phnom Penh, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Washington.

WASHINGTON: OPC member **Dan Rather**, CBS news anchor and managing editor, received the Sol Taishoff Award for excellence in broadcasting at the National Press Foundation's 14th annual dinner in Washington on Feb. 27.

Meanwhile, the New York *Daily News* said **Rather** and **Tom Brokaw**, NBC news anchor, disagreed on contents of their newscasts. **Rather** was quoted calling NBC Nightly News a feature-driven "news light" broadcast and that CBS Evening News is the only Big Three newscast with traditional hard news stories. **Brokaw** replied: "We have done some stories that may not meet Dan's definition of hard news, but they're relevant to people's lives out there. Just because it doesn't happen behind an oaken door of a subcommittee room or in a foreign capital somewhere does not mean it's not hard news."

A photo taken by OPCer **Peter Arnett** in 1972 in North Vietnam's embassy in Vientiane, Laos, appears on the dust jacket of a new book by **James W. Clinton**, "The Loyal Opposition: Americans in North Vietnam, 1965-1972" [University Press of Colorado]. The book consists of a series of interviews with Americans who visited Hanoi during the Vietnam War. The picture shows a group of Americans whom **Arnett**, then with AP and now CNN international correspondent, had accompanied to Hanoi: **Dave Dellinger**, the Rev. **William Sloane Coffin**, **Richard Falk**, **Cora Weiss** and two relatives of American POWs.

Arthur J. Dommen, 62, who covered the Vietnam War, Southeast Asia and India for UPI and *The Los Angeles Times* from 1959 to 1971, has retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he worked on international projects as an economist for 16 years after two years in Tunisia with the U.S. foreign aid mission. "Plugging away at my history of Indochina keeps me fully occupied," he reported in February from his Bethesda, Maryland, home. **Dommen** is the author of "Conflict in Laos: The Politics of Neutralization" [New York: Praeger, 1964]; "Laos: Keystone of Indochina" [1985]; and numerous studies and articles on Indochina.

DECEASED: **Clarence W. Moore**, a lawyer who founded the *Times of Havana* in Cuba, died of renal failure March 5 at George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He was 84. In 1957, **Moore** started the English-language newspaper, but the Castro government expropriated it in 1960. He and his brother, **Carl E. Moore**, then published the paper in Miami, later moving it to Washington and renaming it *The Times of the Americas*. That paper was sold in 1989 and is no longer published.

C. Brooks Peters, 84, who covered the start of World War II from Berlin for *The New York Times*, died on Feb. 27 in his New York City apartment. After graduating from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, **Peters** enrolled in the University of Berlin in 1936. The following year he joined the *Times* as a correspondent in Berlin and covered the 1938 Kristallnacht pogrom during which Nazi police and troops arrested thousands of

Jews throughout Germany, killing some who tried to escape, and smashed, looted and burned their homes, shops and synagogues. His reports from Germany on the early days of World War II helped the *Times* win a Pulitzer Prize in 1941. Following service in the U.S. Marines in the Pacific theater, **Peters** rejoined *The Times* but left in 1950 to develop a public relations business. In the 1960s, he taught in New York City schools and then lectured on World War II.

Tom Crane, who reported from Europe before World War II and then spent 37 years with AP in New York City, died Feb. 26 in a Rhode Island hospital. He was 83. **Crane** started his career as a freelance reporter in Europe in the 1930s, writing from Paris for *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. He returned to New York in 1941 and worked for NBC until joining the U.S. Navy in 1942. After the war, he returned to NBC. In 1947, he was hired by AP, specializing in labor and transportation stories.

Walter H. T. Raymond, a *Stars & Stripes* correspondent in Europe during World War II, died Feb. 22 in a Charlestown, West Virginia, hospital while being treated for pneumonia. He was 81. With time out for the war, **Raymond** worked for *Daily News Record*, a menswear newspaper in New York City, from 1938 to 1952, when he became editor and later publisher of *Men's Wear* (Continued on Page 8)

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**Discussion and Cocktail Reception
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Magazine. He then published newsletters and books for Menswear Retailers of America until retiring 10 years ago.

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Emily Hahn, 92, a correspondent for *The New Yorker* in China and Hong Kong before World War II, died Feb. 18 in a New York City hospital. Born in St. Louis, Hahn traveled across the United States in a Model T Ford in 1924, and *The New Yorker* bought several of the letters she wrote home from that trip. In 1935, the magazine hired her as its China correspondent. She covered the Communist revolution, the war against Japan, and came to know Mao Zedong, Chou En-lai and the Soong sisters, who included the wives of Sun Yat-sen and Chiang Kai-shek. In Hong Kong, she met Major Charles Boxer, a British intelligence officer, by whom she became pregnant in 1940. She proudly announced the birth of their daughter in a time when out-of-wedlock pregnancies often were kept secret. Soon after the birth, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and British and American possessions in the Far East, and Boxer was captured by the Japanese. Hahn, posing as a Eurasian, brought food to him in his Hong Kong prison camp, but in 1943 she fled Hong Kong with her child. Boxer and Hahn were married in 1945. He survives. Hahn wrote more than 200 articles for *The New Yorker* and was the author of 54 books including "The Soong Sisters" [1941] and "China to Me: A Partial Autobiography" [1944].

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Nora Beloff, a foreign correspondent and the first woman political correspondent for a major British newspaper, died Feb. 12 in London. She was 78. Born in London, Beloff was a reporter in Paris for Reuters and then *The Economist* from 1945 to 1948. From 1948 to 1978, she worked for *The Observer*, a British national weekly newspaper in Paris, Washington and Moscow before becoming its political correspondent in 1964. After leaving *The Observer*, Beloff was a freelance writer who was arrested in the Soviet Union and expelled from Yugoslavia. She wrote five books.

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Edwin E. Dowell, who covered World War II for United Press and later worked for *Stars & Stripes* and *Newsweek*, died Jan. 5 in Sequim, Washington. He was 81.

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Julius Humi, former vice president and general manager of UPI's division for Europe, Africa and the Middle East, died in London of heart failure on Jan. 3. He was 73. While a child and after the death of his mother, Humi moved with his father from Vienna, his birthplace, to Budapest. At age 14, he ran away and got a job as a cabin boy on a Yugoslav ship that smuggled refugees into Palestine. While rowing refugees ashore, he was arrested by the British and given the choice of jail or the army. Although underage, he joined the British army and during World War II served at Dunkirk, Egypt, North Africa, Sicily and Italy. After the war, he worked for Planet News, a British photo service that was bought by United Press. He managed

UP's Acme Photos in Italy, became manager of UP's Rome bureau, transferred to Frankfurt, London and back to Rome before becoming European manager in London in 1968. He retired in 1981.

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David Davies, a Welshman who spent 38 years with the French news agency AFP, died of cancer in France Jan. 2 at age 73. Joining AFP in 1950, Davies was Hong Kong bureau chief, 1966 to 1973; head of the English desk in Paris, 1973 to 1983; and then Australia bureau chief. He retired in France in 1988. Davies' French connection began in World War II when, as a British Navy lieutenant, he was seconded to the French Navy as a liaison officer. After Germany's surrender, Davies met a woman at Berchtesgaden, Adolf Hitler's fortified mountain chalet. A French resistance fighter, the woman, Marcelle, and Davies were married, and they spent his AFP years together until her death four years ago. His second wife, an Australian, survives. In 1985, Davies was awarded France's *Légion d'honneur*.

Martin Lee

Martin Lee, head of Hong Kong's Democratic Party, will speak to the OPC on Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 pm at a place to be announced.

Save the date to hear this important spokesman of press freedom and the beleaguered Democratic Party of Hong Kong.

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